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SUBJECT: CHARITON WARNS OF FURTHER PRESS ATTACKS ON AMBASSADOR

REF: (A) MANAGUA 2542; (B) MANAGUA 2440; (C) MANAGUA 1625;

(D) MANAGUA 2421

1. CONSUL VISITED ARTHUR CHARITON IN MANAGUA'S MILITARY HOSPITAL JUNE 13. CHARITON LAUNCHED INTO LENGTHY AND VITUPERATIVE ATTACK ON THE AMBASSADOR AND THIS EMBASSY FOR ALLEGEDLY MISHANDLING HIS CASE. HE CLAIMED THAT COLUMNIST JACK ANDERSON WOULD WRITE ANOTHER ARTICLE WHICH WOULD X EVEN MORE CONDEMNATORY OF THE AMBASSADOR AND THE EMBASSY THAN ANDERSON'S JUNE 2 ARTICLE. THE NEW ARTICLE WILL LAMBAST THE EMBASSY'S PURPORTED ROLE IN THE "BLACKMAIL" MEGOTIATIONS, CHARITON ASSERTED.

2. CHARITON CLAIMED THAT ANDERSON HAD RECEIVED OPINIONS FROM SEVERAL U.S. AMBASSADORS WHO SAID THAT THEY WOULD HAVE HANDLED CHARITON'S EJECTION FROM THE EMBASSY DIFFERENTLY AND WOULD NOT HAVE HAD CHARITON "THROWN OUT BODILQ." CHARITON DECLINED TO SAY WHAT THE UNIDENTIFIED AMBASSADORS WOULD HAVE DONE. HE ONLY COMMENTED THAT THE CONSUL COULD READ ABOUT IT IN ANDERSON'S NEXT COLUMN ON THE MATTER.

3. THAT NEXT COLUMN, CHARITON WENT ON, WOULD CONTAIN ADDITIONAL "FACTS" ABOUT THE AMBASSADOR'S "COZY" RELATIONSHIP WITH PRESIDENT

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SOMOZA. (COMMENT: THOSE "FACTS" WILL UNDOUBTEDLY COME AS A SURPRIESE TO SOMOZA WHO WOULD NOT LIKELY DESCRIBE HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AMBASSADOR AS COZY, GIVEN THE FREQUENT UNPLEASANT DEMARCHES THE LATTER HAS MADE TO SOMOZA OVER THE PAST NINE MONTHS.)

4. CHARITON SAID THAT THE PETITION HE HAD PRESENTED TO THE MASAYA COURT OF APPEALS TO VACATE THE CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST HIM HAS

FINALLY MOVED FROM THE FIRST JUDGE (WHO HAD ALLEGEDLY BEEN HOLDING UP THE CASE) TO THE SECOND JUDGE OF THE THREE-MAN COURT. HE HAD NO IDEA WHEN A DECISION ON HIS APPEAL MIGHT BE NFFFFFFFFFORTHCGMING . CHARITON

DID NOT MENTION THE TRIAL WHICH FONMINQUINTANA HAD TOLD US THE GON WOULD TRY TO EXPEDITE (REF AL. ZELAYA, CHARITON'S LOCAL ATTORNEY, HAS NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH US SINCE THE ANDERSON ARTICLE APPEARED.

5. CONSUL INFORMED CHARITON, IN RESPONSE TO LATTER'S QUESTION, THAT AMBASSADOR WOULD RAISE WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA AT THEIR NEXT PRIVATE MEETING CHARITON'S DESIRE TO PRESENT HIS CASE PERSONALLY TO SOMOZA. CHARITON SAID HE NEEDS TO EXPLAIN DIRECTLY TO SOMOZA THAT THE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST HIM ARE ALL LIES.

6. AFTER CONSUL'S RETURN TO EMBASSY FROM VISITING HIM AT HOSPITAL, CHARITON PHONED HER TO SAY THAT HIS BROTHER NORMAN HAD JUST CALLED HIM ABOUT PRESIDENT SOMOZA'S RESPONSE TO A MAY 22 LETTER WHICH SEVERAL U.S. CONGRESSMEN HAD SENT (REF A). THAT RESPONSE INDICATED THAT CHARITON'S CASE WAS SOON GOING TO TRIAL AND THAT THERE WOULD BE A FOLLOW-ON RESPONSE. CHARITON ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT SENATOR CHURCH WOULD RAISE CHARITON'S CASE WITH SECRETARY VANCE. CHARITON SEEMED ELATED AND VERY HOPEFUL, IN MARKED CONTRAST TO HIS MELANCHOLPC MOOD EARLIER THAT MORNING.

7. COMMENT: CHARITON'S OBVIOUS DESPERATION EXPLAINS BUT DOES NOT JUSTIFY HIS INTEMPERATE VERBAL LASHINGS OF THE AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALTHOUGH CHARITON HAS BEEN INFORMED OF EFFORTS THAT THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS STAFF HAVE MADE ON CHARITON'S BEHALF, HE MANIFESTS INCREASING BITTERNESS THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO SECURE HIS RELEASE SCOT-FREE AND THAT WE HAD HAD TO TURN HIM BACK OVER TO GON AUTHORITIE S,

AT THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTION, LAST APRIL. DESPITE HIS ATTACKS ON ALL THOSE WHO TRY TO HELP HIM, WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR A SPEEDY

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FAIR AND LEGAL RESOLUTION OF HIS CASE, AND TO VISIT HIM MORE FREQUENTLY THAN REGULATIONS REQUIRE.  
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